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SUBJECT: HOSPITALIZATION FOR COLONEL MOUSTAKLIS

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THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (ASD/HE) HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED
THE MEDICAL DATA WHICH YOU PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REF B.
IT IS THEIR DETERMINATION THAT DEFENSE DOES NOT HAVE THE
CAPABILITY AT THEIR MEDICAL FACILITIES (INCLUDING WALTER
REED) TO PROVIDE THE TREATMENT COLONEL MOUSTAKLIS REQUIRES.
IN ADDITION, DEFENSE SUGGESTS THAT, TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE,
COLONEL MOUSTAKLIS SHOULD RECEIVE REHABILITATIVE THERAPY
IN THE FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS OF HIS HOME ENVIRONMENT.
AS A TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES FOR MEDICAL CARE WOULD BE
UNLIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS
NOT REPEAT NOT AGREED TO ACCEPT COLONEL MOUSTAKLIS FOR
TREATMENT AT WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER OR ANY
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OTHER US MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITY.

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2. TEXT OF ASD/HE REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THIS OFFICE HAS REVIEWED THE NEUROSURGICAL

CONSULTATION PERFORMED ON MAJOR SPYRIDON MOUSTAKLIS, 18
SEPTEMBER 1973, BY MR. PETER H. SCHURR OF GUY'S HOSPITAL,
LONDON.

MAJOR MOUSTAKLIS HAS SUFFERED MODERATELY SEVERE BRAIN
DAMAGE, PROBABLY AS THE RESULT OF THROMBOSIS OF THE
LEFT INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CAROTID ARTERIES SOMETIME
IN MAY 1973. THERE IS PRESENTLY RIGHT HEMIPARESIS,
RIGHT HYPESTHESIA, AND PALLOR OF THE LEFT RETINA. THERE
IS SEVERE APHASIA AND DYSLEXIA. THERE APPEARS TO BE
GOOD INTELLECTUAL AWARENESS.

MR. SCHURR STATES THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS FOR OPERATIVE
PROCEDURES AT THIS TIME.

MR. SCHURR RECOMMENDS REHABILITATIVE THERAPIES DESIGNED
TO IMPROVE MAJOR MOUSTAKLIS' FUNCTIONING IN THE
ENVIRONMENT OF THE HOME (WALKING, EATING, DRESSING
HIMSELF) AND SPEECH, READING AND GAME THERAPIES TO
IMPROVE HIS ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIS FAMILY.

SUCH THERAPIES ARE LONG TERM. THERAPISTS INVOLVED IN
SUCH PROGRAMS MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND FLUENT IN THE
PATIENT'S LANGUAGE AND WITH HIS MANNER OF LIVING AT HOME
TO BE EFFECTIVE. THERAPISTS UNABLE TO SPEAK GREEK MAY
FRUSTRATE THE PATIENT AND BE MEDICALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE
IN ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMPLISH ANY IMPROVEMENTS FROM THERAPY.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING
WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER, DO NOT HAVE THE
PERSONNEL NOR CAPABILITIES TO TREAT MAJOR MOUSTAKLIS,
PROFESSOR EISENBERG OF HARVARD IS INCORRECT IN STATING
THAT WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER HAS CAPABILITIES
OF REHABILITATIVE THERAPIES OF THE TYPE NECESSARY FOR
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MAJOR MOUSTAKLIS.

FROM THE REVIEW OF THIS PATIENT'S CONDITION, IT IS
DOUBTFUL THAT REHABILITATIVE THERAPIES FOR THIS PATIENT
IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE VERY PRODUCTIVE. THE
VARIOUS REHABILITATIVE THERAPIES REQUIRED FOR THIS
PATIENT MUST BE LONG TERM AND MUST BE CLOSELY ADJUSTED
TO THE PATIENT'S HOME SITUATION TO BE OF MAXIMAL BENEFIT.

UNQUOTE.

3. GREEK EMBASSY IS BEING INFORMED OF THIS DECISION
AND PROVIDED A COPY OF ASD/HE REPORT. INGERSOLL

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